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IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION )  
ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, UNDER )  
INDIANA CODE § 8-1-2-72, INTO ANY AND ALL )  
MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION'S )  
MIRRORING POLICY ARTICULATED IN )  
CAUSE NO. 40785 AND THE EFFECT OF THE )  
FCC'S MAG ORDER ON SUCH POLICY, )  
ACCESS CHARGE REFORM, UNIVERSAL )  
SERVICE REFORM, AND HIGH COST OR )  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDING )  
MECHANISMS RELATIVE TO TELEPHONE )  
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES )  
WITHIN THE STATE OF INDIANA )

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**CAUSE NO. 42144**

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:


On December 3, 2004, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC"), on behalf of the Oversight Committee filed a *Notice of Filing Oversight Committee's First Report to the Commission and Request for Extension of March 1, 2005 State Universal Service Fund Implementation Deadline* ("Notice"). In the Notice the OUCC indicates that:

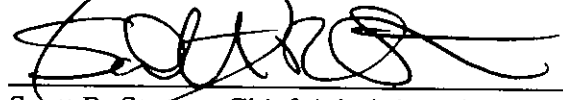
Following the November 29, 2004 attorneys conference conducted in this Cause, the members of the Oversight Committee met informally for the first time to discuss the drafting of a request for proposal (RFP) to select a fund administrator for the new Indiana State Universal Service Fund ("IUSF"). Committee members agreed that a public open bidding process would be used to select the fund administrator, although based on the observations of at least one member of the Oversight Committee, a public bid process to select a fund administrator and implement the new IUSF may take up to 5 months.

Given the fact that the Commission's Final Order in this Cause set March 1, 2005, as the implementation deadline for Indiana's new IUSF and the fact that the Oversight Committee could not be formed and start its work prior to the Commission scheduled attorneys' conference on November 29, 2004, and further given the projected time required to complete an open bid process, Oversight Committee members do not believe that the March 1, 2005 implementation deadline can be met. Committee members therefore request that the Presiding Officers extend the Indiana IUSF implementation date to May 1, 2005.

The Presiding Officers, having reviewed the Notice and being duly advised in the premises, hereby GRANT the request and find that the Indiana IUSF implementation date should be extended to May 1, 2005.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

  
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Scott R. Storms, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: December 9, 2004